

New Church Development Team Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
April 25, 2009

Present: Paul Kohler, Dawn Blackman, Jack Flores, Lois Snyder, Vernon Showalter, Kay Weller

Lois Snyder provided reflections on When Things Don't Go as Planned using Genesis 50: 15-21 as her text.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

The Quarterly Treasurers' Report was approved
Lynda reviewed her monthly report. The report is included here.

Apostle's Activity Report April 25th 2009

Advertising

I have not yet renewed advertising on the Churchstaffing.com and Churchjobs.net websites. I will accomplish this by the first of May.

Web Sites

The NCDT site continues to be updated with Harvest Happenings and the Prayer Card for church planting in our denomination has been added.

NCD Committee

I attend an NCD conference call on April 13th. Discussion centered on the prayer initiative and the upcoming conference in 2010. The minutes of that meeting have not been made available yet. I will pass them along when they are available.

Planter up Dates

Rockford –*The Rockford Luau event took place on Saturday April 4th. I believe there were about 60 people in attendance. It was good to see the Flores's and the Brinkmeier's and the Ware's in attendance. There were a couple of people from the Rockford 1st church there as well.*

This event gave good exposure to Samuel, his family and his vision to the community. It afforded him the opportunity to make a number of connections in the community

including the Chamber of Commerce who called upon the local news station to come to the event.

This event also proved to be a very good learning experience for Samuel in terms of handling this type of event and projected and real outcomes.

I met with Samuel on April 15th to debrief on the experience and to discuss the May 2nd meeting at Starved Rock.

Samuel attended the Pastor's Self Care event at Peoria. He continues to attend regional Pastor's meetings.

The Exponential Conference in Florida was a very good experience for him. He took the Multi-Ethnic Church Planting Track and was adopted by a Multi-Ethnic church plant in another part of the states as their prayer focus. They had been adopted by a church when they planted and wanted to extend that to another multi-ethnic plant. He seemed very inspired and encouraged by the conference.

***West side Chicago-**The YWAM group did their show in Chicago on Thursday April 9th. I believe there were about 40 people in attendance. It was awesome to see that building full! It was wonderful to see Shirley Petracek in attendance with a few members of her congregation and a person or two she invited from the community. Carol (from the Christian Peace Keeping Team) and her husband attended. There were a few people from Herman's church in Joliet that came. The event helped in giving more visibility to Herman and Richard in the community and sparked some ideas for future events.*

I visited with Herman and Betty on April 17th to debrief on the event and to discuss the meeting on May 2nd.

Richard's assessment has been put on hold as he works through some a couple of personal issues. He hopes to be able to attend assessment in June.

I continue to look for a learning experience that will provide will aid them in there inner city ministry.

Follow-up with Potential Planters

Amankwaa's are still in the loop. I called before the conference to talk with Dawn but she was in the hospital again. I spoke briefly with her mother. Please keep this family in your prayers.

I have not heard anything back for the other couple from the denomination who inquired.

Inquiries

I emailed and then called and spoke with Erin Cassidente Christian of Milwaukee (this is the person that Kevin had spoken to earlier from Wisconsin). She is interested in talking more about the possibility of forming a group meeting in Racine area. Her father was a Brethren Pastor and actually was the Pastor at Batavia at one point (small world). He left the ministry and went into law but has since retired from the law practice. I have finally heard back from the couple (Mandernack's) that visited Highland Ave. I will speak again to Erin on Tues. the 28th and with Scott on Tuesday, as well. for the first time.

Executive Committee

Kevin has emailed some work he has done on the process of taking a project to a congregation. There are some areas we have identified for discussion and will hopefully have it available for both teams at the joint meeting.

Church Planting Support Tour

I will be at York Center again on May 24th. This time I will take Herman to share his vision for the West Side Chicago Plant.

I will also be in Virden on May 31st. with one or both of our planters. We will have both the Sunday school hour and the Worship Service. Girard has been invited to attend.

Support Committee

The next Support Raising committee meeting will be held at Starved Rock on May 2nd. Wilbur has invited Kevin and Fletcher Farrar to attend. I believe Fletcher had a conflict and Kevin was checking his calendar.

Paul, Dawn and I held a conference call meeting on Wed. April 8th to plan this meeting which will involve a presentation by Gil Crosby on the importance of raising partners and vision casting by both our planting couples.

Other

I attended the Leadership Team meeting in Astoria on April 18th at the Woodland COB. This was a church I have never been in before.

I attended the Exponential Church Planting Conference in Orlando along with Samuel, other member of the NCD committee and a couple of the church planters from other districts. This was an amazing and exciting time! I came away with fresh insight and renewed passion. I believe I could say the same for all that attended. For me this was not just a conference, it was a truly deep spiritual experience.

I have requested that donor's names and address be sent along to our church planters so that they can keep their partners informed.

I purchased 2 books on Brethren theology and doctrine and another copy of the Journey in Jesus Way video from Brethren Press to share with our planters

Things I want to talk about.

New books to read

Financial Systems

Following a group discussion, Jack Flores made the motion that Samuel Sarpiya's support be increased from \$700 per month to \$1,000 per month and Herman Ware's support be increased from \$700 per month to \$750 per month. Lois Snyder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The lease for the apartment in Douglas Park expires May 30th. Lynda will be asking the landlady to extend the lease for one month. She will also be discussing the possibility of Herman's group using the Douglas Park building for his ministry with Shirley Petracek.

Lois dismissed us with prayer.

Kay Weller
Secretary